

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver, 1st District, announced today that the Center for Ecology and Technology (CET) has received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to help reduce waste and toxic chemical use in Western Massachusetts.

The funding will help reduce the amount of toxic chemicals used on lawns and gardens, develop waste management programs, and provide technical assistance to local governments.

"Western Massachusetts is a leader in the state and nation in its commitment to recycling and environmental protection," said Congressman Olver. "This grant will help us continue to lead by example."

CET will educate residents about less toxic alternatives to chemical pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers, and provide technical assistance to local governments to develop waste management programs.

"By working to reduce waste, and especially toxic waste, CET offers critical help to rural communities and small businesses," said Congressman Olver. "This grant will help us continue to lead by example."

"Finding safer and healthier ways to care for lawns and gardens is quite timely, as research continues to show the health risks associated with toxic chemicals," said Congressman Olver. "This grant will help us continue to lead by example."

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